

Experience Providing Contract Management Services

Columbus Wellness Center was established in 1989 to provide family planning services to low income individuals as well as blue collar working women and men in need of services offered during non-traditional working hours. Recruitment is through community outreach to different organizations, churches, civic groups, word of mouth, and focuses on women's health issues. Services include but are not limited to sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS education, teen pregnancy prevention, breast disease, hypertension, menopause and family planning.

In 1993, four young, African American women and a midlevel practitioner organized ***Extended Sisters*** to address the issues facing newly diagnosed women with HIV; some were turned away from their provider, rejected by their families or totally confused. Locally, there was no support system in place; if they desired medical treatment they traveled to Atlanta 220 miles roundtrip, for the medical, education and support group at Ponce De Leon Infection Disease Clinic.

In 1995, both organizations united to form the Columbus Wellness Center Outreach and Prevention Project, Inc. (CWCOPP); a non-profit community based organization. **CWCOPP's mission is to promote and participate in a comprehensive and compassionate response to HIV/AIDS and health issues through community education for increased understanding and prevention of HIV transmission, early detection, and services that improve the quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.**

The staff, consultants and volunteers provided HIV/AIDS exhibits, AIDS 101 workshops, puppetry performances, HIV testing but then saw the need to diversify our services to the community and now currently operates (six) 6 programs. These programs summaries are:

1. **Health Education and Risk Reduction (1995-Present)**

2. **Supportive Services**

Funding Source: Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

Utilization of Funds-Quality of Life Services

3. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

4. **Emergency food and Financial Assistance Referral Programs-(2000-present).**

5. **HIV, STD, Pregnancy Testing Referrals and Care Linkage (2000-present)**-Pre and

Post-test counseling to ensure detection targeting the community

In continuation of our mission to provide services promoting an improve quality of life, women receive services of referrals and outreach promoting healthy lifestyles including pregnancy.